

Claims

1. An image forming system comprising a mounting portion in which an expendable provided with a storage means in which distinguishment information representing whether the expendable is a compatible product is stored is removably installed, a read out means which reads out the distinguishment information stored in the storage means of the expendable installed in the mounting portion, and a control means which controls operation of a predetermined object to be controlled operation of which is to be controlled in relation to the expendable on the basis of a control information according to the distinguishment information when the distinguishment information read out by the read out means represents that the expendable is a compatible product, whereby the predetermined object to be controlled is caused to operate by the control means to form an image on the basis of the control information according to the distinguishment information, wherein the improvement comprises that

a control information input means for inputting control information of the object to be controlled when the distinguishment information read out from the storage means of the expendable by the read out means represents that the expendable is an incompatible product is further provided and

the control means controls the operation of the object to be controlled on the basis of the control information input by the control information input means when the distinguishment information read out from the storage means of the expendable represents that the expendable is an incompatible product.

2. An image forming system as defined in Claim 1 in which the control means waits for, when the distinguishment information read out from the storage means of the expendable represents that the expendable is an incompatible product, input of the control information by the control information input means, and then controls operation of the object to be controlled on the basis of the control information input after input of the control information by the

control information input means.

3. An image forming system as defined in Claim 1 or 2 further comprising a display means which, when the distinguishment information read out from the storage means of the expendable
5 represents that the expendable is an incompatible product, displays an initial control information which has been set in advance.

4. An image forming system as defined in Claim 1 or 2 further comprising a display means which, when the distinguishment information read out from the storage means of the expendable
10 represents that the expendable is an incompatible product and at the same time when a control information according to the distinguishment information read out can be read out from the storage means, displays the control information according to the distinguishment information.

15 5. An image forming system as defined in any one of Claims 1 to 4 further comprising a display means which displays the distinguishment information stored in the storage means.

6. An image forming system as defined in any one of Claims 1 to 5 in which the control information input means can input only
20 a part of a plurality of pieces of control information.